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Climate Protection Action Committee Monthly Appointee Meeting Tuesday, August 3, 2021 8:30 a.m.



Members/staff present: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Penny Delaney Cothran, John Epting, David Foster, Kelvin Keisler, Gretchen Lambert, Bob Petrulis, Priscilla Preston, Clint Shealy, Tamera Warren, Samantha Yager.

Guests: Robert Gudea, University of SC.

In Dr. Z's absence, Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were presented. Bob noted that the end of a sentence had been dropped in the fifth paragraph, and that Mary Pat was correcting it. Gretchen Lambert made a motion that they be accepted as amended; Bob Petrulis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Gretchen noted that City Council had deferred the selection of new appointees at their last meeting, but that they were engaged on filling the positions. There was an interest in seeking diversified representation, and Councilwoman Devine said she would like to help with recruitment.

Bob discussed his presentation to City Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee on Tuesday, July 20. He said that the committee members were engaged and wanted to hear more about 1) how the framework would impact the grid and how those issues might be addressed; and 2) they'd like to hear more about what other groups in the area are doing in regards to Ready for 100 and climate change in general.

The path forward for Ready for 100 involves drafting a new Ready for 100 resolution for Council's approval after the election. Clint suggested that CPAC draft this and float it by E&I to move it forward. Bob asked if any members would be interested in working on an ad hoc committee to coordinate this, and there were three volunteers: Gretchen Lambert; Penny Delaney-Cothran and Robert Gudea. Mary Pat will send out the original resolution for all to review; it will be a good starting point for the ad-hoc committee.

ACM Clint Shealy updated the group on the WRI-RMI Large Scale Renewable Aggregation Cohort. The third session was held last week and covered messaging to key audiences. Participants were introduced to good templates for communicating to key stakeholders and were also broken out into smaller groups for discussions.

Mary Pat said that in ICLEI's last Sustainability Planning Cohort, similar participants were paired up for one-on-one calls with like participants. Columbia and Philadelphia had a productive call, and we look forward to a continued relationship with them.

She also reported that the WRI's Pathways to EV Transition – Curbside Charging Cohort has been divided into two sections: one for cities who have strong knowledge of the EV charging process and others who are truly looking for a 101 experience. She is participating in the 101 cohort as the City currently has no curbside EV chargers.

In a related matter, Fleet Administrator David Foster was asked to update the group on the City's plans for electrification. A group has started to meet to discuss electrification planning and implementation, and hopes to get a head of the curve on the many related issues. He noted that a potential demo with the Ford Bolt has fallen through, but that he had the City on the list for a Ford F-150 aka Lightning. Production of these will be extremely limited through 2023.

Tamera Warren updated the group on the next webinar, scheduled for September 16 with a "back to school" theme on education and climate change. Bob noted this will be the third quarterly webinar, and the Communications Committee hopes to market the series to the public on the web site and via social media. Previous seminars are available for viewing on YouTube:

1. <https://youtu.be/LVxd639k5Fw>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8sMkMAaoSU>

Staff updates:

Mary Pat Baldauf, Sustainability Facilitator:

- City Council deferment of appointee selection, which Gretchen covered earlier.
- August issue of Speaking Sustainability to be issued this week.
- Sustainability features of the new parking garages at the Bull Street development.

Robert Anderson, Public Works Director:

- Mary Pat and David updated group on electrification of the City's fleet.
- There are a number of detailed issues related to electrification, including some as simple as best charging of take-home and on-call vehicles.

Samantha Yager: Solid Waste Director

- The recycling markets continued to come back, and things look good for the next few months.
- Sonoco is now promoting the collection of Pringles-style containers (cardboard, metal combination).
- Recycling is still being picked up, but it has been a challenge with fewer employees available.

Clint Shealy: Assistant City Manager

On the canal recovery, FEMA hosted a public meeting on Thursday regarding historic preservation. About 30 people attended and provided good feedback. Note: The meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY8BoH8liaQ>.

There are 2.4 billion dollars available to the state via the American Rescue Plan, and Clint is on a committee to help establish criteria for disbursement of this funding. A lot of WET infrastructure is being considered, and the Metro Solar Plant is also on the City's wish list. There will be up to \$500 million.

In new business, Bob welcomed the arrival of Apollo Gudea, Robert's first born. Robert, a naturalized US citizen, said that they'd just received his social security card. He said it was his proudest moment as a US citizen. Congratulations to the growing Gudea family.

Hearing no old business, Bob encouraged everyone to come back for the 10 a.m. Advisory Group meeting to consider. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.